

Resolution No. 664

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-101, AND THE CITY'S HOME RULE AUTHORITY, ARTICLE 12, SECTION 5 OF THE KANSAS CONSTITUTION, ESTABLISHING A NON-BUDGETED FUND, DONATED BY PRIVATE SOURCES, CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING A VOLUNTARY DEMOLITION GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR DEMOLISHING AND REMEDIATING UNSAFE, DANGEROUS, DILAPIDATED, AND UNSIGHTLY STUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY, SUBJECT TO THE CITY'S DEMOLITION GRANT PROGRAM POLICY.

WHEREAS, unsafe, dangerous, dilapidated and unsightly structures exist within the City of Columbus, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus, Kansas, has received an anonymous donation of funding providing resources for the demolition and remediation of unsafe, dangerous, dilapidated and unsightly structures on a voluntary basis.

WHEREAS, the voluntary demolition grant program administrative policies and application form have been approved by the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, at its regular meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024, are incorporated by reference, and copies are attached.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that there are, unsafe, dangerous, dilapidated and unsightly structures within the City of Columbus, Kansas.

SECTION 2. The City of Columbus, Kansas, has received anonymous, private funding to establish a voluntary demolition grant program created to demolish and remediate unsafe, dangerous, dilapidated, unsightly structures.

SECTION 3. The Governing Body hereby establishes a non-budgeted fund, exempt from budget laws, to aid in the administration of its voluntary demolition grant program

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

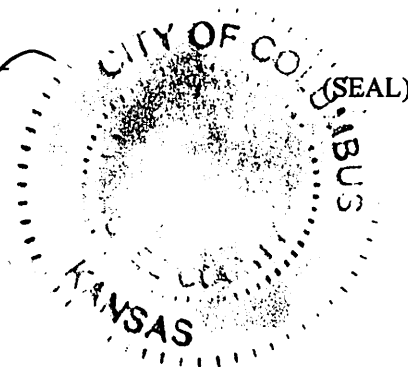
ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, this 3rd day of September, 2024, and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

City of Columbus, Kansas


Grant Spieth, Mayor

Attested:


Ruth Hutley, City Clerk





Demolition Grant Program (DGP)

General Administrative

- 1) The City of Columbus *Demolition Grant Program (DGP)* is available for the removal of residential structures, commercial structures, and/or out-buildings within the City of Columbus. There is not a defined target area for the demolitions, but all demolitions must be within the corporate limits of Columbus.
- 2) Upon receiving an application, the DGP committee shall review the application for completeness. If complete, the DGP shall certify that the structure(s) to be demolished is/are condemnable and eligible for this program. The DGP committee may either approve, reject, or suspend the application without cause. The applicant and/or owner will receive written notice of approval, rejection, or suspension within 15 days of the application submittal. The decision of the DGP board shall be final.
- 3) Applications will be available at the city office located at 300 E Maple Street, Columbus, KS 66725 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

Structure Eligibility

- 1) Properties must be vacant of human occupants prior to application submittal. Property(s) and structures should be empty of furnishings and non-construction debris to the extent possible.
- 2) The property owner(s) agrees to hold the City of Columbus, its agents, servants, employees, and contractors harmless from and assigns from any and all claims, demands, or actions for damages for any and all personal injuries, or loss or damage to property sustained in or growing out of said demolition and disposal. or other agents thereof, whether intentional or unintentional.
- 3) Property owner(s) participating in the program do so voluntarily. However, that does not relieve them from any previous or future public nuisance actions/fees/taxes pertaining to the property. Should the terms of the agreement not be fulfilled by the property owner, the City may take any measures necessary and proper to assure protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare.
- 4) Structures that are in condemnable condition, unsafe, dangerous, or blighted structure may be removed under this plan. These activities should result in the improvement of the appearance of housing in Columbus and improve the health and safety of residents of the city.
- 5) Structures that do not result in the removal of a blighting influence and/or improve the health and safety of residents will not be considered.

Demolition Financing

- 1) When an application is approved, the demolition grant will be funded through the City's Demolition Grant Program Fund.

Residents and Property Owners

- 1) Property owners must comply with details within the Demolition Grant Program, agree to allow the demolition work and to provide access to the property by demolition personnel. Access will be required for preliminary inspections, pre-bid conference inspection, demolition, ongoing inspection of work and project completeness reviews.
- 2) A separate application/waiver of liability must be completed for each property address.
- 3) Applicant or owner must submit two (2) itemized bids from licensed and bonded contractors with the application. Applicants not submitting two bids will not be considered. Contractors must obtain a business license in Columbus prior to beginning of work.
- 4) Demolition work, cleanup, and backfill must be completed within sixty (60) days of the property owner's application approval.
- 5) The DGP grant payment for the demolition will be paid directly to the contractor after the work is completed and verified.
- 6) The owner or owners of record(s) must sign the application prior to submittal.

Demolition Contractors

- 1) A city business license must be obtained to operate within the city limits.
- 2) Responsible contractors who can perform successfully under the city procurement procedures will be considered.
- 3) Bid selection is determined by the most economical option in relation to estimated cost, as well as such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance and financial and technical resources.
- 4) Within sixty (60) days of the property owner's application approval, demolition work, cleanup, and backfill should be completed.
- 5) Contractors may use the invoice template provided with the application or their own invoice. The contractors' invoice must include itemized items such as demolition cost per structure, non-construction debris removal, lot leveling/fill and other essential items.
- 6) The DGP grant payment for the demolition will be paid directly to the contractor after the work is completed and verified.

Amendments to the Demolition Grant Program

- 1) The City of Columbus Governing Body may amend or discontinue the Demolition Grant Program at any time.



Demo Application #
DGP- 240814 -2
Office Use Only

Application for Demolition Grant Program

Applicant/Owner #1 (Please Print)
Company
Address (911)
City State Zip
Daytime Phone Business Phone
Email Address

Owner #2 (Please Print)
Company
Address (911)
City State Zip
Daytime Phone Business Phone
Email Address

Status of Applicant (Check one): Owner [] Applicant (Must have Owners Signature) []
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Address of Property: (Demo) Parcel ID Quick Ref ID Approx Date of Const
Type of Property: Residential [] Out-Building [] Commercial [] Other []

The owner must initial the lines below to certify the items pertaining to the property for the Demolition Grant Program are true and correct on or for the property.

- I have received and reviewed a copy of the Demolition Grant Program
The structures on the above tract of land are vacant of human occupants.
All personal property and non-construction debris has been removed from the property to the extent possible.
The tract of land and structures on the land are free and clear of all liens, mortgages and other ownership interests.
There are no insurance policies in effect for the structures or contents on the property.
There are no known environmental hazards, underground storage tanks, oil spills or the like on the property.
There are no other known hazards associated with this property.

I, the undersigned, being the owner(s) of the property and all structures located the address above, realizing that the building or buildings located thereon are substandard, hazardous, and dangerous to the public health and welfare, I do hereby understand and comply to the conditions of the City of Columbus Demolition Grant Program.

It is understood that the above mentioned information is in full consideration for this demolition grant and that the terms of the grant are fully understood and voluntarily accepted. I certify that all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND IT. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand this ___ day of _____, 20__.

(Application must be signed in front of the witness)

Signature of Applicant/Owner 1 Applicant/Owner 1 Printed Name Date
Signature of Owner 2 Owner 2 Printed Name Date
Witness Signature Witness Printed Name Date

(Application # pulled from page 1)

This Section to be completed by Demolition Grant Program Committee

Committee Signatures

DGP-240814 -2

Demo Application #

Committee Mtg Date

Est Demo \$

Actual Demo \$

Actual Demo Date

Details of Demolition Applicatin Review

**Reviewed - Application
has been:**

Approved

Rejected

Suspended

Other

DGP Approved Signature 1

DGP Approved Printed Name 1

DGP Approved Signature 2

DGP Approved Printed Name 2

Approval Date

Reject/Suspend Date

Dialogue concerning application results

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